

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Siegfried EBNER et al.

Serial No.: New

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For: A STERILITY-MAINTAINING CONNECTION SYSTEM FOR
MEDICAL SYSTEMS AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

- Claim 3, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;
- Claim 4, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;
- Claim 5, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;
- Claim 6, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;
- Claim 7, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding claims",
insert --claim 1--;
- Claim 8, line 1, delete "the preceding claim",
insert --claim 7--;
- Claim 9, line 1, delete "the preceding claim",
insert --claim 8--;
- Claim 10, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding
claims", insert --claim 1--;
- Claim 11, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding
claims", insert --claim 1--;
- Claim 12, line 1, delete "one or more of the preceding
claims", insert --claim 1--;

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Claim 17, line 1, delete "and 16";

Claim 18, line 1, delete "claims 15 to 17",
insert --claim 15--.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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